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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

IN RE APPLICATION OF: David S. Roberts, et al. :

APPLICATION NO.: 09/489,711 : Examiner: Hines, J.

FILING DATE: January 24, 2000 : Group Art Unit: 1645

TITLE: ERYSIPELOTHRIX RHUSIOPATHIAE :
ANTIGENS AND VACCINE
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Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

AMENDMENT IN RESPONSE TO MARCH 5, 2001 OFFICE ACTION

This Amendment is submitted in response to the March 5, 2001 Office Action issued by the United States Patent and Trademark Office in connection with the above-identified patent application. A response was indicated in the Office Action as being due one month from the mailing date thereof, i.e. by April 5, 2001. Applicants are filing herewith a Petition for a four month extension of time, whereby the due date for responding to the March 5, 2001 Office Action is extended to August 5, 2001. However, since August 5, 2001, was a Sunday, a response may actually be filed on the next day on which the United States Patent Office is open for business, i.e. today, August 6, 2001, and this Amendment is being timely filed.

Payment of the fee for the four month extension of time is authorized in the Petition for the four month extension of time filed herewith.

Applicants are also filing herewith an Information Disclosure Statement for the subject application.

In response to the March 5, 2001 Office Action, please amend the subject